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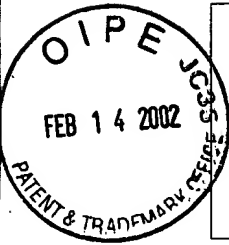
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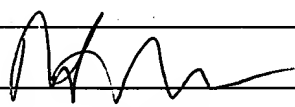
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of a preliminary amendment in the above-identified United States National Phase patent application.

<u>In the Claims</u>:

Please amend claims 11-17 and 19 to read as follows. For the Examiner's convenience, all claims pending in the application are shown so that the claims may be viewed in their entirety.

1.   A method for determining motion vectors for encoding picture data in a sequence of pictures wherein data representing a picture in the sequence is arranged in a plurality of adjacent data blocks; the method comprising the steps of:

(a)   encoding a first picture in the sequence with motion vectors for the data blocks in the first picture;